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For: FLAKE PIGMENT, PAINT AND POWDER

PAINT CONAINING THE SAME AND

FINISHING AGENT FOR FLAKE PARTICLES

EMPLOYED THEREFOR

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REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

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Sir:

In response to the Examiner's Office Action dated January 22, 2007, the following remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

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